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Chapter 1
God is the Rewarding Type

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

God is the rewarding type. God believes in rewarding His servants. You must believe in God's reward plan. God has many great rewards. One of God's great rewards for hard work is to give you more work.

1. **You are worthy of a reward.** There is a time when you are qualified to receive a reward. God is the rewarding type and He will bestow a reward upon you. In other words, you are worthy of a reward!

   Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS REWARD.

   1 Timothy 5:17-18

2. **Rewards are coming.** Expect rewards when you are visited by God. When there is a visitation of God in your life, there will also be rewards. The coming of the Son of man is always with rewards.

   For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

   Matthew 16:27

3. **Rest is a reward for hard work.** Hard work is often rewarded by lots of rest. That they may rest from their labours! God indeed has rest for His servants. However, this book will reveal that God does not only give rest but actually gives more work after the period of rest.

   Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead

which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS; AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.

Revelation 14:12-13

4. **God Himself is a reward.** Hard work is rewarded by God Himself coming to you as a reward. May you enjoy God's reward of Himself. When you have God, you have everything and you do not need anything else.

   After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I AM thy shield, and THY EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD.

   Genesis 15:1

5. **The reward for hard work is more work.** One of the great rewards for hard work is more hard work. Even in politics, people who work hard as agitators in opposition are rewarded with jobs and more opportunities to work when they do win an election.

In the next chapters of this book, we will find the principle that "the reward for hard work is more work".

Chapter 2
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: The Unprofitable Servant

But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? AND WILL NOT RATHER SAY UNTO HIM, MAKE READY WHEREWITH I MAY SUP, AND GIRD THYSELF, AND SERVE ME, TILL I HAVE EATEN AND DRUNKEN; AND AFTERWARD THOU SHALT EAT AND DRINK? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Luke 17:7-10

God is about to speak to you concerning your new mission. He wants to give you another job! As long as you are in this world, remember that the reward for hard work is to be given more work. The reward for your good work is more work!

I believe you have done well in your past assignments. However, it is not time to rest. Rest is for heaven. Rest comes after this life! Whilst on this earth, there will be more and more work for every one of God's special servants.

Expect a new assignment from God!

Look out for the new job that God has for you! In the opening scripture, the servant, after doing a good job feeding cattle in the field, was given more work in the house. He was asked to prepare a nice meal for the master and to serve his master. What a reward for working hard in the field! More work! The reward for hard work is more work!

Expect God to speak to you again. Do not expect to retire if you are God's servant. The reward for building a church is to be given even more things to build for God. Build till you die! God's servants do not retire, but keep moving from assignment to assignment as long as they live on earth.

Service is the pathway to leadership in the kingdom of God. Service is hard work! Being a servant is definitely hard work! But rulership is also

very hard work. On many occasions, servanthood is rewarded with leadership duties. That is one of the ways in which the reward for hard work becomes more work. The reward for doing the work of a servant is to be given the work of a leader.

This message is important because many Christians are deceived by their accomplishments in God. The accomplishments of God's ministers sometimes lead them into distractions and delusions.

The reward for good pastoral work is more pastoral work. The reward for your good season of pastoral work is not for you to veer off into retirement and leisure. The reward for hard work is not for you to live in sin, nor for you to live in unnecessary restfulness, nor for you to take unnecessary holidays or other frivolous activities.

The reward for a hard-fought ministry is more ministry!

The reward for being a good evangelist is more evangelism!

The reward for being a good pastor is more pastoral work!

The reward for being a great prophet and teacher is to teach and prophesy even more!

The great works of compassion you did for orphans is greatly appreciated. But God wants to reward you by giving you a great ministry to prisoners. The reward for great works is more work!

Make no mistake; satan is not happy about the things you have done for God. He would love to smear you and mess you up. Satan wants to divert your attention from the second, third and fourth missions of your life. Do not let satan mislead you or deceive you about the rest of the time you have on earth. There is more work for you to do. Much more!

I remember when I heard this phrase from the lips of Reinhardt Bonnke: ***"The reward for hard work is more work!"*** What a life transforming revelation came to me from those amazing words! I pray you will be convinced in your heart that the reward for all that you have done is to be given more work until your very last day.

I heard Derek Prince saying that he would consider it a great tragedy to be asked not to be a servant of God. He said it would be the saddest day of his life if God did not want him to be His servant anymore.

What a blessing it is to be a servant of God! What a blessing to have something to do in the house of God right up until the end of our lives on this earth!

Let us see how God rewards His servants with more work!

THE HARD WORK: PLOUGHING IN THE FIELD

BUT WHICH OF YOU, HAVING A SERVANT PLOWING OR FEEDING CATTLE, WILL SAY UNTO HIM BY AND BY, WHEN HE IS COME FROM THE FIELD, GO AND SIT DOWN TO MEAT? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Luke 17:7-10

The work of God is to plough the field. Ploughing speaks of following deep into ministry with Jesus. The reward for ploughing the field will be more work for you. Ploughing also speaks of preparing the ground for a major investment. After ploughing and investing in the ministry, your reward will be to do even more hard work.

THE HARD WORK: FEEDING THE ANIMALS

…Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 21:17

The work of God is to feed the animals on the farm. Feeding the animals speaks of the shepherd's duty of feeding sheep.

THE HARD WORK: WORKING IN THE FIELD

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10:12

The work of God is represented by being out on the field. The field represents the field of souls and the fields of people who need God. Working in the field is working on souls and winning souls for Jesus. What is the reward for this?

Let us read further to find out how God rewards you for all your hard work in the field of souls.

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: SERVING FOOD AND DRINK

On the contrary, will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'?

Luke 17:8 (NASB)

1. The reward for your hard work of ploughing in the field is to change your clothes and serve again.

The reward for all your work in the field is to be asked to dress properly for your next task. God has more things for you to do. He expects you to gird yourself and make yourself ready for even more service. To gird yourself is to prepare your mind for the work.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 1:13

2. The reward for ploughing in the field is to prepare food for your master.

To prepare food speaks of the preparation of the gospel. The preparation of the gospel is the best reward for your hard work.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Ephesians 6:14-15

3. The reward for ploughing in the field is to serve food and drinks to the master.

Serving food and drinks speaks of ministering the word of God in a delightful way to God's people. What an honour it is to deliver God's word to His people. This is what happened when Amos was taken from the field and made to serve in God's house as a prophet.

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

Chapter 3
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: The Talents

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Matthew 25:14-15

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:20-23

The reward for hard work is more work. The servant, after doing a good work with the two talents was asked to rule over many things.

THE HARD WORK: USING THE TALENTS

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

Matthew 25:16-17

1. The hard work is using your talents and using the gift of God.

The men who received the talents were indeed given a great job. Once you've been given a gift you must expect to work hard. It is not easy to use your talent. A lazy man cannot and will not find a place in the house of God. Gifted but lazy singers will not amount to much.

It takes hard work to use the gift of God. Many people live and die without using the gifts God has given them.

In 1988, God said to me "From today you can teach." That was a commission to teach. I have had to work very hard since I heard those words. Without hard work you cannot fulfil your mission. Many gifted people are also lazy. It takes real, hard work to put your talents to use.

> **But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.**
>
> **Matthew 25:26 (NASB95)**

2. The hard work is being a good person.

> **His lord said unto him, Well done, thou GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**
>
> **Matthew 25:21**

The men with the talents were called "good and faithful". Using your talents requires you to become a good person. Without becoming a good person, you cannot use the talent God has given you.

Without holiness, you cannot see God! Without a good character you will not last long in the ministry! Developing goodness and staying good is very hard work.

3. The hard work is being faithful with the talent and gift of God.

> **His lord said unto him, Well done, thou GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**
>
> **Matthew 25:21**

The men with the talents were called "good and faithful". To be faithful is hard work because you need to exert great effort to remain constant. You need hard work to repeat yourself over and over again. It takes hard work to preach the same things faithfully for years.

It takes hard effort to remain reliable and unchangeable. The main work of a steward is to remain faithful and doggedly committed to his master's instructions.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

Proverbs 20:6

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: BECOME A RULER

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:20-21

The reward for your work with the talents, is to be given the work of a ruler. To be a ruler is one of the most stressful jobs on earth. Most rulers of nations are stressed out, hardworking men. They develop grey hair prematurely as a result of their extreme stress. God is a rewarder of your extreme efforts at making use of the talents He has given to you.

God knows that there are many people who do not use their talents. He appreciates those who use their talents. As long as you are on this earth, remember that the reward for hard work is *more work!* It is time to learn about the work of a ruler and to get to the job of more work as a ruler.

Chapter 4
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: A Certain Nobleman

He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, OCCUPY TILL I COME But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, LORD, THY POUND HATH GAINED TEN POUNDS. AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, WELL, THOU GOOD SERVANT: BECAUSE THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL IN A VERY LITTLE, HAVE THOU AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

Luke 19:12-20

THE WORK: OCCUPY TILL I COME

Occupy till I come! That is the work given to the servant of God. The reward for hard work is more work. The good work done with one pound gives you more work in ten cities.

1. **The work - Occupy till I come:** The work of God is to occupy yourself and to busy yourself with anything in the kingdom. Mary busied herself about Jesus' work.

   Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

   Romans 16:6

2. **The work - Occupy till I come:** The work of God is to occupy many territories for Jesus.

   To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in

another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

2 Corinthians 10:16

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: AUTHORITY

1. The reward for hard work is to be given authority.

> **And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, HAVE THOU AUTHORITY over ten cities.**
>
> **Luke 19:17**

The reward for the work of occupying is to be given authority over ten cities.

"Authority" means hard work! Authority is not something you store away in the wardrobe. Authority means work! Having authority is to receive the work of exercising power over ungrateful and disloyal people. It means more hard work of exercising authority over wicked men.

Having authority is to have the job of commanding people, sending people and putting people to work. This means you have been made into an overseer. The best example of a man of authority was the centurion whose servant was healed. A centurion had authority over a hundred men. Do you think the centurion was working or resting? Indeed, he was a hardworking man because of the authority he had. When God gives you authority over ten cities, He is giving you a very great job.

> For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
>
> Luke 7:8

2. The reward for hard work is to be made an overseer.

> **And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, HAVE THOU AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES.**
>
> **Luke 19:17**

After doing the work of occupying, you will be rewarded with overseeing ten cities and with having great authority. Welcome to the new job of being an overseer. An overseer is a supervisor. God bless you, and congratulations for being made an overseer. What an honour to be given the job of supervising people. You have been rewarded with hard work!

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.

1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

Chapter 5
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: The Faithful Man

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:10-12

THE HARD WORK: BE FAITHFUL WITH SMALL THINGS

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:10

The work of God consists of many little jobs. If you are proud, you will despise the many little chores that make up the work of God. The work of God is to be diligent with the little errands you are asked to perform. Truly, the ministry is made up of many little odd jobs! Once you are too big to do little jobs you cannot be a part of the kingdom ministry.

The reward for hard work is more work. The reward for good work is more work. The reward for working well with small things is only to be given bigger things to work on.

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: TO BE GIVEN MANY THINGS

He that is faithful in that which is LEAST is faithful also in MUCH: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:10

The reward for hard work with the least, is to be given more work with much.

God will thank you for your efforts with the little church, by giving you a

big church to work with. That is why you must not think of retiring or following delusions. Keep pressing on in the ministry. God has plans to give you more hard work which He is going to expect you to be faithful with.

THE HARD WORK: TO BE FAITHFUL WITH UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON

If therefore ye have not been FAITHFUL IN THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Luke 16:11

When you are given a secular job, your ability to perform it faithfully is a great accomplishment in the realm of the spirit. Your accomplishments in the secular world give you a good report. A good report from your secular work is a necessary qualification for the ministry. This is why successful lay persons who excel in their secular professions often make excellent full-time pastors.

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: TO BE GIVEN TRUE RICHES

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will COMMIT TO YOUR TRUST THE TRUE RICHES?

Luke 16:11

The reward for your good work with secular finances is to be given true riches to handle. The reward for being a hard and faithful worker with secular money is to be given real wealth (true riches). The reward for hard work in the secular world is to be given more work in the church.

God will thank you for your efforts with secular things. Your secular work is something that is giving you credentials for ministry work. That's how you must think about your secular work.

God has seen all your faithfulness in secular things and is rewarding you with more work in the ministry.

THE HARD WORK: TO BE FAITHFUL WITH THAT WHICH IS SOMEONE ELSE'S

And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

A great qualification for reward is to be constant and faithful with things that are clearly not your own. When you are able to work hard and energetically with something that does not belong to you, it reveals a good spirit.

Most women can only love their own children. Most men can only work hard and fast with their own money and their own possessions. This is why working in the civil service and for the government brings out the worst in mankind. Government work is like working in no man's land.

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: TO BE GIVEN YOUR OWN

The reward for hard work with a ministry that does not belong to you, is to be given some more work with that which belongs to you. God is grateful to you for your efforts with the things that did not belong to you. Your work with other people's money and ministry will become your credentials for future ministry.

God has seen all your faithfulness as an assistant, as a driver, as a worker and is rewarding you not with rest, but with more hard work in your own ministry.

Chapter 6
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: The Sensible Slave

Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT HE WILL PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF ALL HIS POSSESSIONS. But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:45-51 (NASB95)

THE HARD WORK: TO BE FAITHFUL AND SENSIBLE

1. The work of God is to be a faithful and sensible slave.

> **Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?**
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> **Matthew 24:45 (NASB95)**

The work of God is to be sensible and faithful. "Sensible" means being level headed especially when it comes to ministry.

2. The work of God is to be put in charge of a household.

> **Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?**
>
> **Matthew 24:45 (NASB95)**

3. The work of God is to give food to the household at the proper time.

> **Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?**
>
> **Matthew 24:45 (NASB95)**

One of the important jobs in the kingdom is to give God's people food at the right time. You must write the books God tells you to write at the right time. Sometimes I look at the many books I have written, and I know that if I had not written them at the time I did, I would not be able to write them now.

There is an important element of timing when it comes to giving out the food of the Word. You can teach someone the morals in the word of God after they have been sexually polluted and defiled. But it would have been better if the person had learnt all these principles before they were polluted and defiled by sexual monsters and sexual predators.

There is an important element of timing in the teaching ministry. You must deliver the important Word and the important messages from God on time. People must be taught the word of God when they are young. It is because people are not taught to have a quiet time when they are young that they grow to become unstable Christians.

THE REWARD FOR HARD WORK: TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL POSSESSIONS

I tell you the truth, the master will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Matthew 24:47 (NET)

The reward for your hard work as a wise and sensible slave, is to be put in charge of all the Master's possessions. Once you are in charge of all the Master's possessions, you will have a lot more work to do.

The reward for good work done is more work! The reward for giving God's people their food in due season is to be given charge of all the Master's goods.

God will let you have all His possessions! The New English Version of the Bible says "God rewarded him by putting him in charge of all his possessions." This is why ministers seem to get rich at a certain stage of ministry. God has actually given them possessions and goods that are His. God expects ministers to use His possessions to do even more.

Chapter 7
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: Joseph

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he MADE HIM OVERSEER OVER HIS HOUSE, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

Genesis 39:1-5

1. The reward for the hard work of Joseph as Potiphar's slave, was to be given more work as Potiphar's overseer.

Being made an overseer meant more responsibilities and more work for Joseph! God always rewards hard work with more work!

God has even more work for you. This is not the time to rest. The reward for hard work is more work. You will rest in the grave! Now is the time to accept new jobs, new missions and new visions.

See the hand of God at work in your life and ministry. Open your heart and accept the new work ahead.

AND JOSEPH FOUND GRACE IN HIS SIGHT, AND HE SERVED HIM: AND HE MADE HIM OVERSEER OVER HIS HOUSE, and all that he had he put into his hand. AND IT CAME TO PASS FROM THE TIME THAT HE HAD MADE HIM OVERSEER IN HIS HOUSE, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

Genesis 39:4-5

2. The reward for the hard work of Joseph as Potiphar's overseer, was to be given more work as a prison overseer.

Being made the overseer in the prison meant more responsibilities and more work for Joseph. Joseph had worked hard as Potiphar's overseer.

Keep looking ahead. Your life and ministry are going to be like Joseph's. Another strange assignment will arise and you will be at the centre of it all. As you have been faithful in the little, God will give you much.

> And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. AND THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON COMMITTED TO JOSEPHS HAND ALL THE PRISONERS THAT WERE IN THE PRISON; AND WHATSOEVER THEY DID THERE, HE WAS THE DOER OF IT. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.
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> Genesis 39:20-23

3. The reward for the hard work of Joseph as overseer of the prison, was to be made the overseer of Egypt.

Being made an overseer of the whole of Egypt meant more responsibilities and more work for Joseph. If you are faithful in prison work, God will give you much more. Being faithful in prison work means that you are faithful even where important people cannot be found. Faithful in prison means you are faithful in darkness and obscurity!

> And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, FORASMUCH AS GOD HATH SHEWED THEE ALL this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: THOU SHALT BE OVER MY HOUSE, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, SEE, I HAVE SET THEE OVER ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.
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> Genesis 41:39-43

Chapter 8
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: David

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies; That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, I TOOK THEE FROM THE SHEEPCOTE, FROM FOLLOWING THE SHEEP, TO BE RULER OVER MY PEOPLE, OVER ISRAEL: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

2 Samuel 7:1-9

The reward for David's hard work with the sheep was to be given the whole of Israel to look after. Expect this to happen because the reward for hard work is more work. Many pastors have a few people to start their ministry with. Most pastors do not have members who are "important people". However, the reward for looking after "nobodies and nonentities" is to be given more work.

> God will surely reward your work with those few sheep. You are going to become a national hero as you remain faithful with those few sheep. That is what happened to David. He became a national hero and a favourite servant of King Saul. Then he became the king of all Israel. God will bless you abundantly with more work as you serve Him in small things.

Do not expect holidays and restful seasons. Expect more hard work!

Chapter 9
The Reward for Hard Work is More Work: Eternity

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; AND HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:1-7

Many good things will happen when we enter eternity.

There will be a wonderful river of life!

There will be a wonderful tree of life available to us all!

There will be healing for the nations!

There will be twelve manner of fruits available to us every month!

We shall see His face!

His Name shall be in our foreheads!

There shall be no night anymore!

There will be no need of the sun because of the glory of God! We shall reign forever and ever!

We are all headed for this eternity experience. However, one more glorious revelation of eternity is that we shall be made servants. We shall have more work to do in heaven. The Bible says, “And his servants shall serve him”!

“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:” (Revelation 22:3)

This scripture shows how we will be His servants in eternity. What an honour! His servants shall serve Him. We shall be in the new Jerusalem and we shall be His servants over there. The reward for all the obedience and all the ministry we have performed on earth will be to become His servants.

The reward for hard work is more work!

Let the revelation of "more work" guide you until you get into eternity!

The reward for hard work is indeed more work!

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Ecclesiastes 12:12